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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/February 12-22, 2004

Holiday Travel Alert: No major construction, lane restrictions, or highway closures are planned for the Eastern Region during the Presidents Day holiday travel period. Motorists should always be prepared for severe winter driving conditions at all times plus carry chains and emergency equipment.

I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- No work planned.

SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/4 Replacement (MP 0.4-0.6)- Open to traffic.

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WSDOT reminds travelers to do their part to make winter driving as safe as possible by following a few tips:

- Leave room for maintenance vehicles and plows.
- Stay back at least 200 feet from plows to avoid getting sprayed with sand or chemicals.
- Don't pass plows on the right – crews may be using a "wing plow" which has a long blade extending from the right of the truck that clears both the lane and the shoulder at the same time.
- Be prepared for changing driving conditions.
- As temperatures warm up, snow will change to slush, making driving more difficult.
- Watch for pools of water on the highways, as drainage facilities may be blocked.

Check traveler information before you head out:

- For general traveler information, visit WSDOT's traveler web site at:
www.wsdot.wa.gov/traveler.htm
- Camera images, roadway temperatures and weather information can be found at
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/views/newviews.htm> .
- Mountain pass reports are on the WSDOT internet site at:
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/road/mnts/mntbas.htm> . Mountain pass conditions are available toll free by calling 1.800.695.ROAD (1.800.695.7623) or 511. Hearing-impaired callers using TTDs (text tele-typewriter devices) can access it at 1.800.833.6388 and then type extension 206.440.4040.

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